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Iowa Milk Production

Iowa: Milk production in Iowa in August 2009 totaled 366 million pounds, up 3 percent from August 2008. The average number of milk cows, 215,000 head, was unchanged from August 2008. Production per cow averaged 1,700 pounds, up from 1,660 pounds in August 2008.

United States: Milk production in the 23 major States during August totaled 14.6 billion pounds, down 0.2 percent from August 2008. July revised production at 14.8 billion pounds, was down slightly from July 2008. The July revision

represented a decrease of 13 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,743 pounds for August, 25 pounds above August 2008.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.37 million head, 143,000 head less than August 2008, and 28,000 head less than July 2009.

Milk Cows and Production: By Selected States, August 2008-2009

| State | Milk Cows 1 | | Milk Per Cow ² | | Milk Production ² | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|------------|---------------------------|--------|------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | Change from 2008 |
| | 1,000 Head | 1,000 Head | Pounds | Pounds | Million Pounds | Million Pounds | Percent |
| AZ | 185 | 171 | 1,755 | 1,760 | 325 | 301 | -7.4 |
| CA | 1,846 | 1,782 | 1,840 | 1,820 | 3,397 | 3,243 | -4.5 |
| CO | 130 | 123 | 1,930 | 1,980 | 251 | 244 | -2.8 |
| FL | 120 | 114 | 1,240 | 1,320 | 149 | 150 | 0.7 |
| ID | 555 | 548 | 1,970 | 1,940 | 1,093 | 1,063 | -2.7 |
| IL | 102 | 102 | 1,455 | 1,530 | 148 | 156 | 5.4 |
| IN | 166 | 167 | 1,605 | 1,670 | 266 | 279 | 4.9 |
| IA | 215 | 215 | 1,660 | 1,700 | 357 | 366 | 2.5 |
| KS | 117 | 116 | 1,710 | 1,725 | 200 | 200 | |
| MI | 352 | 357 | 1,860 | 1,920 | 655 | 685 | 4.6 |
| MN | 465 | 469 | 1,565 | 1,620 | 728 | 760 | 4.4 |
| MO | 112 | 106 | 1,110 | 1,180 | 124 | 125 | 0.8 |
| NM | 337 | 320 | 1,920 | 2,000 | 647 | 640 | -1.1 |
| NY | 626 | 618 | 1,690 | 1,715 | 1,058 | 1,060 | 0.2 |
| OH | 280 | 278 | 1,520 | 1,570 | 426 | 436 | 2.3 |
| OR | 115 | 114 | 1,645 | 1,665 | 189 | 190 | 0.5 |
| PA | 548 | 545 | 1,590 | 1,610 | 871 | 877 | 0.7 |
| TX | 425 | 420 | 1,605 | 1,680 | 682 | 706 | 3.5 |
| UT | 85 | 83 | 1,810 | 1,835 | 154 | 152 | -1.3 |
| VT | 140 | 135 | 1,535 | 1,520 | 215 | 205 | -4.7 |
| VA | 97 | 96 | 1,410 | 1,460 | 137 | 140 | 2.2 |
| WA | 245 | 236 | 1,990 | 2,005 | 488 | 473 | -3.1 |
| WI | 1,252 | 1,257 | 1,650 | 1,705 | 2,066 | 2,143 | 3.7 |
| 23-State Total ³ | 8,515 | 8,372 | 1,718 | 1,743 | 14,626 | 14,594 | -0.2 |

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ² Excludes milk sucked by calves. ³ As of February 2009, the 23 States are Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.